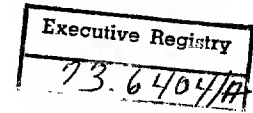


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Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views and recommendations of this Agency on S.2451, "To amend section 552 of title 5 of the United States Code to clarify certain exemptions from its disclosure requirements, to provide guidelines and limitations for the classification of information, and for other purposes." We are formulating our position with respect to the bill and will send you our report as soon as it has been appropriately coordinated within the Executive Branch.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. E. Colby

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Director

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